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MAGNETIC ASSIST READ TRACK-WIDTH DEFINITION FOR A LEAD OVERLAY TOP SPIN-VALVE GMR HEAD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment for the above referenced Divisional Patent

Application. Please amend the above identified application for patent as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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